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Subject: Newborn Screening Fee Increase January 1, 2012

Dear Laboratory Director:

This letter is to inform you of a fee increase to the Newborn Screening Program. Effective January 1, 2012 the Department will be increasing the Newborn Screening Fee by \$9.95 per completed test panel. The fee will increase from \$101.75 to \$111.70. The Department will still charge \$1.00 for each specimen collection card. The fee is being increased \$9.95 in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 124977 (b) per completed test panel when specimens arrive in the laboratory.

The change will be reflected in regulation **R-06-013E**. Requests for the regulation package may be sent to the Office of Regulations at the address below.

California Department of Health Services
Office of Regulations
Mail Stop 0015
P.O. Box 997413
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

The change will be reflected in the billing by adjustment of the existing CPT Codes as follows:

82776 Galactose-1-phosphate uridyl transferase (TRA)	\$15.95
83021 Hemoglobin fractionation and quantitation; chromatography (Hb)	\$15.95
83498 Hydroxyprogesterone, 17-d (17-OHP)	\$15.95
83789 Tandem mass spectrometry; quantitative (MS/MS)	\$16.00
84443 Thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH)	\$15.95
82261 Biotindase (BD)	\$15.95
83516 Immunoreactive trypsinogen (IRT)	\$15.95

Hospitals cannot charge more than the regulated fee, however, they may charge up to \$6 for blood collection and handling.

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If you have any questions regarding the fee increase, please contact Erica Gordon, MA, Chief of the Newborn Screening Clinical Services Branch at (510) 231-7464.

Sincerely,

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cc: Chief Financial Officer
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